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Soviet Agenda 'Close' to West

By Carl Hartman, AP Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Wednesday.—The Soviet Union made a new proposal for a Foreign Ministers' agenda today and at first examination a Western official said it seemed to come "very close" to meeting the Western point of view.

The proposal was made by M. Andrei Gromyko at the twenty-third meeting of the Deputies. It included many of the suggestions, and often the same wording, as the Western countries' newest proposal.

The essential differences, a Western official pointed out, are:

- 1) The Russians have put demilitarization of Germany as their first item.
- 2) The Soviet Union seeks to have disarmament limited to the Four Powers, whereas the U.S., France and Britain would like to see it world-wide.
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U.S. Troops Meet First Resistance

TOKYO, Wednesday (Reuter).—American tanks and infantry contacted a Communist battalion on the west central front a few kilometers north of the border today—first determined resistance to the limited U.N. offensive across the 38th Parallel.

The 8th Army evening communiqué summarizing the operations said this task force was heavily mortared. There was also some shell fire. But the task force continued to advance as resistance decreased later in the day, the communiqué said.

Other U.N. forces reported moderate to heavy Communist fire and general resistance some kilometers farther west near Yungpyong, which lies on the main railway line from Seoul to Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

Limited U.N. advances against North resistance were reported from the central sector. On the eastern front, Allied patrols probed forward but noted no significant Communist activity.

The 8th Army estimated that over 3,000 Communist troops were killed or wounded in Tuesday's operations over the whole front. American jet fighters today killed at least 300 with rockets, burning petrol and machine-gun fire near Pyongyang in a day of intense air activity.

Aid to Israel Bills Go to Committee

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (UPI).—The bill authorizing a \$100m. grant-in-aid to Israel which was introduced in the House of Representatives yesterday, has been sent to the House's Committee on Foreign Affairs.

A similar bill which was introduced in the Senate yesterday, was referred today to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate.

Dan Bus Kills Man; 5 Hurt

TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—Traffic accidents here in the last 24 hours caused one death and five injuries. Yehuda Rosenfeld, 67, of Jerusalem, was fatally injured by a Dan bus while passing the main street in the Hatikva quarter yesterday.

Five-year-old Moshe Silbermann, of Tel Aviv, was seriously injured when he was struck by a low-truck in front of his home on Rehov Hashmonim here yesterday. He was taken to hospital.

3-Storey Building Collapses: 4 Hurt

RAMAT GAN, Wednesday.—A three-storey unfinished building collapsed in Rehov Hashmonim at Givatayim this afternoon, injuring four workers, two of them seriously.

It crashed down as the third floor was being added. Zvi Polesky and Israel Rodi were taken to the Beilinson hospital with serious injuries, while the other two men were sent home after receiving first aid treatment.

The building contractors are Goldstein Brothers, who have been putting up large numbers of houses in the area. The police, as well as building experts, are investigating the cause of the collapse.

Sisters Fatally Burned in Bed

HAIFA, Wednesday.—Two sisters, Maria and Leah Ashur, 16 and 15, were fatally burned when a paraffin lamp fell on their bed while they were sleeping in their home at Elzer Street, near Akko, last night.

They died in the Rothschild Hospital here this morning. Their parents were slightly injured.

Latin Countries Want to Keep Troops at Home

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter).—Mexico today challenged the U.S. proposal that troops be set aside for defence and for undertaking military missions for the U.N., at the meeting of the Latin American Foreign Ministers here. Secretary of State Dean Acheson intervened personally to defend the plan.

When the U.S. resolution was presented to the Conference a number of amendments were submitted to all-ministers the U.S. and U.N. and to pledge the Latin American states to defend only the American republics. This would mean that they would not be obliged to defend such European possessions as Jamaica or Martinique, to say nothing of sending troops to Europe or to Korea.

Soviet Veto

Mr. John Foster Dulles yesterday urged the Latin American Foreign Ministers to study means of dealing with the Soviet veto on admissions to the United Nations.

Forecasting a possible Soviet bloc veto of Japan following the completion of the Japanese peace treaty, Mr. Dulles said this would make it difficult to develop a genuine security system for the Pacific.

"This is an aspect of the problem which I am sure you will want to consider," he added.

Only 'Surplus' War Goods to Egypt

LONDON, Wednesday (AP).—Foreign Secretary Herbert Morrison said today that no naval vessels or equipment have been sold recently to Egypt except surplus items not needed by Britain or its allies.

He was replying to a question by Miss Grace Ward (Conservative) in the House of Commons. Miss Ward asked if, in view of the fact that Egypt has acquired more motor torpedo boats than the British Navy has in service at the moment, Mr. Morrison would see that no more vessels or equipment are released to Egypt.

Mr. Morrison replied that his information was that Egypt has fewer motor torpedo boats than the British Navy has in commission and that only surplus was being released.

Secret U.S.-British Talks on Oil

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (Reuter).—The British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, and Secretary of State George Marshall today began secret discussions here next Monday on the threat to the Western powers' oil supply created by Persia's decision to nationalize the Anglo-Persian Company's interest. It was learned authoritatively today.

Mr. Geoffrey Furlong, head of the Foreign Office Eastern Department, will leave London on Saturday for Washington to assist Sir Oliver in the talks.

Mr. Morrison was asked in Parliament today whether he would consult with the U.S. so that both countries might have a common policy over oil concessions in the Middle East. He replied that he would bear the suggestion in mind.

Transition Law Passed

By Moshe Brilliant, POST Parliamentary Correspondent

The Transition Law providing for the transfer of the outgoing Knesset's authority to its successor was adopted in the House yesterday. The first reading was also most in the committee to sabotage the election machinery.

The key issue in the voting yesterday was whether the First Knesset should be dissolved before the election or only when the new Knesset is sworn in. Mr. David Ben-Gurion (Mapai) who opposed the continued existence of the old Knesset after new elections had invalidated its members' mandate, said there was nothing to prevent the outgoing Knesset, a few days after the balloting, when there is a fair idea of the trend of the returns, from "passing legislation nullifying the elections."

Replying to this argument, Dr. Nir conceded that there was a possibility of a coup d'état by the Knesset, but said that in his view the danger of a coup d'état by the outgoing government was greater. If the Government was to remain in power until a new cabinet was chosen, then there must also be a parliament to control its actions, he argued.

The entire Cabinet, together with the Mapai and Progressive factions of the Knesset, voted for the pre-election dissolution, but were outvoted by the rest of the House by 51-41.

Ensuring Elections

There was another vote on a clause presented by Messrs. Israel Bar Yehuda (Mapai), Dr. Yohanan Badar (Herut) and Mr. Yehuda Toubi (Communist), which provided that the Government may not enact emergency regulations amending any of the election measures. Mr. Ben-Gurion opposed this clause and said that the outgoing Government had not been thrown out of office but had itself decided to speed to the electorate. He repudiated the suggestion that the Government might abuse its powers and take measures to prevent elections.

The opposition apparently felt that there was a possibility that Mapai and the Orthodox bloc might still swing the election. The vote on this proposal was 51-41, first because of the opposition in the cabinet and second because of the opposition in the House.

7 Israel Police Killed, 3 Hurt, by Syrian Troops

Seven Israel policemen were killed, three were wounded and one captured, by Syrian forces inside Israeli territory at five o'clock yesterday afternoon in the demilitarized zone of El Hammam, near Zemar on the south-eastern shore of Lake Tiberias.

Toward midnight, soon after the news had been received that seven men had been killed, Sgan Alost Shani Ramati, Chief Israeli Delegate to the Mixed Armistice Commission, went with a group of U.N. observers to recover the bodies of the dead and to bring back a wounded constable, and one more man who was being held prisoner.

Later in the afternoon, two seriously wounded constables had been brought to the Schweitzer Hospital in Tiberias.

Legion to Return 3 Kibbutz Youths

The three members of the Mevot Betar who wandered over the lines in the Wadi Pukin area on Monday will be returned by the Arab Legion on Sunday, the Jordan delegation said at yesterday's meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission's sub-committee. The youths are to be brought to trial on their return, an official spokesman said.

"It is obvious that the three youths were arrested in Jordan territory into which they crossed to get a drink of water, although this by no means justified their crossing and Jordan was right in arresting them," the sub-committee decided.

A fourth youth, who fired two rounds into the air to call back his friends, has disappeared. It was announced, "It is likely that these two shots caused the exchange of fire in the locality," the sub-committee declared.

The senior members of the Israel and Jordan delegations will meet informally every Thursday together with the M.A.C. chairman, Colonel Samuel Taxis, an Army spokesman said last night.

Jordan Claims Clash Near Nebi Samwil

Radio Ramallah reported yesterday that one Jew was killed and another was injured when 12 armed Israelis entered Jordan territory in the vicinity of the radar station near Nebi Samwil north of Jerusalem on Tuesday.

The Jews were found digging trenches, the report claimed. An official complaint has been lodged with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission, the report declared.

Plane Flights

"A-Diffa" reported yesterday that Jordan complaints on the "frequent flight of Israel planes over Jordan territory" and the "thefts of large flocks of sheep" were discussed at a M.A.C. sub-committee meeting on Tuesday. The search for persons missing on both sides of the armistice lines was also taken up, it was said.

NEARIS reports that 85 Beduin of the Tayah tribe, who arrived in Hebron this week, claimed they were expelled from the Beersheba area by Israel. A complaint has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission, it was said.

On April 10, 85 Palestine Arab refugees are to be repatriated via Ras el Nakura, according to an agreement between Israel and Lebanon, according to an A.N.A. report from Beirut.

Police 'Ordered' Out

Before fire was opened on the police, the cars had been halted by the Syrian troops, and an "order" given that the patrol leave the district. The police stated that they had come to Hammam on duty, and began to move on.

When the Syrians opened fire on the rear of the two vehicles, the constables then aboard jumped out and returned the fire. After the first vehicle had turned, some of the men got back into it, calling to the Syrians to cease their fire. More shots were fired as the cars sped away, and two of the 13 men were seriously wounded. The second car, containing nine policemen, was hit and immobilized. Its occupants jumped out and took up positions.

On its way back, the first car met a party of U.N. observers, who were told of the incident, and proceeded at once to investigate the fate of the remaining members of the patrol. They immediately came under Syrian fire themselves, and withdrew to their base at Zemar.

No news was available of the remaining men until late last night, when U.N. observers informed Israeli Army headquarters that seven of the men had been killed, that one was wounded and one had been captured by the Syrians.

M.A.C. Meeting Stopped

When the news reached the Mixed Armistice Commission delegations at Rash Pina, Sgan-Alost Shani Ramati, head of the Israeli delegation, declared that they were not prepared to continue the meeting so long as there was no full report on the clash.

He proposed that all members of the M.A.C. leave for the scene of the fighting. The Syrians agreed, but Colonel G. Bessy, U.N. Chairman of the M.A.C., declined to go.

The U.N. Chairman, to the surprise of both delegations, declined to take action in the matter, and insisted on oral reports.

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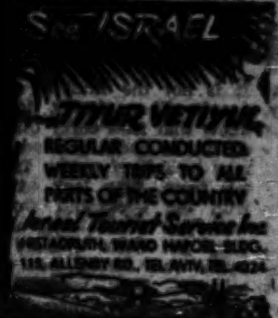
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City	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
Tel Aviv	21-26	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Jerusalem	18-23	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Haifa	18-23	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Beirut	18-23	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
London	50-55	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
New York	45-50	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Paris	45-50	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Rome	45-50	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Moscow	35-40	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Delhi	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Bombay	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Calcutta	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Madras	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Colombo	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Singapore	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
Batavia	75-80	SE 10-15	Partly Cloudy
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CURRENCY in circulation yesterday was: By IL 100,000 to IL 1,000,000 (coverage was IL 1,000,000 to IL 10,000,000 in Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem, and IL 1,000,000 to IL 10,000,000 in the rest of the country).

For buying five Jordan Dinars from the Ministry of Finance, a permit was issued yesterday, for the first time since the Jordanian currency was devalued.

Yusef Sarraf, of Jaffa, was fined 500 sheqels by the District Court yesterday for having kept his barber shop open after 9 p.m. on a Friday.

Shlomo Ben-David, of Kfar Maimon, was sentenced to two months imprisonment in Jerusalem yesterday for the illegal possession of a revolver, 10 rounds and a dagger. The weapons were confiscated.

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Deckers Reported Working Normally

HAIFA, Wednesday. — Half a port's 2,500 deckers are reported to have resumed normal working speed this morning, but figures of today's turn-over of cargo will be published only tomorrow.

Both workers and employers are reluctant regarding the settlement reached but it appears that the workers are to be granted a 25 per cent rise with retroactivity for a certain period.

The agreement cannot be regarded as final. It will have to be approved by the Histadrut Executive, and the three port service companies will sign the new contract only after the Minister of Communications approves a considerable increase of charges. They are said to be as high as from 40 to 50 per cent.

The companies, which work largely with hired cargo, could not find drivers to work for less money they would make working in the cities, he said. The position now is that people must look at least a day in advance to get a seat to Jerusalem, and longer for a trip to Haifa.

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Opposes Industries in Agriculture Areas

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Farmers should not permit the development of non-agricultural industries in agricultural villages at their expense, Mr. Haim Arlos, Director-General of the Farmers' Federation, told a meeting of General Zionist farmers in Givatayim yesterday.

Rates and taxes paid by persons working the land should be used exclusively for rural development, he also said.

PROSKAUER WILL HEAD N.Y. CRIME COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, a former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, is to be chairman of a five-member commission appointed by Governor Dewey to investigate generally the relationship between organized crime and attempts of government anywhere in the world.

Judge and Mrs. Proskauer spent a fortnight in Israel last month.

Inter-City Taxi Service Cut

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The inter-urban taxi companies have withdrawn about 50 per cent of their vehicles for work in the cities, following the authorities' refusal to raise fares for overland taxi travel. Thus, only part of the public's demand for inter-urban travel can be met, the manager of one company told The Post today.

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TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Farmers should not permit the development of non-agricultural industries in agricultural villages at their expense, Mr. Haim Arlos, Director-General of the Farmers' Federation, told a meeting of General Zionist farmers in Givatayim yesterday.

Rates and taxes paid by persons working the land should be used exclusively for rural development, he also said.

PROSKAUER WILL HEAD N.Y. CRIME COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, a former Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, is to be chairman of a five-member commission appointed by Governor Dewey to investigate generally the relationship between organized crime and attempts of government anywhere in the world.

Judge and Mrs. Proskauer spent a fortnight in Israel last month.

Army Car Caught With Load of Sugar

BEERSHEBA, Wednesday. — A speeding Army command car, loaded with 200 kilos of sugar and 120 eggs, was trapped in a police ambush on the Hebron road near here at 11 o'clock last night. Police were acting on a tip that soldiers were smuggling sugar.

A civilian and an Army soldier, both from Beersheba, were removed from the car and arrested.

The Army vehicle tried to speed away when it noticed a police tender parked by the side of the road, but it was blocked by a truck which police had placed across the way. It is believed that the contraband was obtained from Beidat or Indulgencia.

Ex-Segen Posed As Doctor in Army

TEL AVIV, Wednesday (ITM). — A former Army Segen stated in the District Court here yesterday that he had practiced medicine in the Army on the basis of a falsified document.

The accused, Eliezer Reiner, 34, also said that he had obtained drugs on the basis of the document. According to the charges, Reiner had administered the drugs to a patient.

Abu Ghosh Denies Murder Charge

Yusef Abu Ghosh took the witness stand yesterday in his trial for the attempted murder of Abdul Salam. He testified before Judge J. Eisenberg of the Jerusalem District Court, that he had harboured no intention to kill Salam.

The accused claimed that he had met Abdul Salam, representative of the Mukhtar, and asked him to go to the police with him in connection with a theft that had taken place at Abu Ghosh's house. They then met Mohamed Ali el Haj and his son, both of whom were on bad terms with Abdul Salam. Abu Ghosh said that Salam had once stabbed Mohamed Ali.

Abu Ghosh said he then saw Abdul Salam fight with Mohamed Ali, trying to separate them. He said that he saw Salam's hands but could not wrench it loose. A scuffle which ensued was broken up by the police.

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School Registration In T.A. Delayed

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — School registration which was to have started in Tel Aviv and Haifa today has been postponed until Sunday because technical arrangements could not be completed in time.

Dr. E. Rosenbaum, the city's Director of Education, told The Post tonight that the registration period has been extended for a fortnight so that the 70 registration centers, various schools will be able to handle the children for kindergarten and first grade as well as those transferred to the city from other parts of the country.

All registration centers will be open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., while the one in the former Knesset building will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Seven Killed By Syrians

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — The Syrian delegates expressed their readiness to go to the scene of the incident, and it was decided that they should proceed via Syria to Haifa, while the Israel delegation would go through the demilitarized zone, and both groups would meet at Haifa. As they left, U.N. observers at Rosh Pina expressed their willingness to attach themselves to each delegation.

When they reached Zemar, the U.N. observers based in the southern demilitarized zone, however, the observers accompanying the Israeli delegation, after a conversation with the observer stationed there, decided to return to their own headquarters and not proceed with the Israel delegation.

Party Fired On

Later they again changed their minds and decided to go on. The party set off with the U.N. observers in their jeeps leading the column. Despite the fact that the party was fired on by the Syrians within the demilitarized zone, and was forced to withdraw.

From that time until 11 o'clock last night, there was no news of the personnel of the second car. At 11, U.N. observers informed Israeli authorities of the outcome of the battle between the nine occupants and the Syrian troops, and arrangements were made for the return of bodies and captives.

In Tel Aviv last night, an Army spokesman stated that under the terms of the armistice agreement, the demilitarized zone is to be free of all military activity, and that the Syrian army has violated the armistice agreement in the most flagrant manner.

He drew attention to the gravity of the Syrian offence. "We consider the situation to be serious in view of this latest Syrian action, which has heightened tension in the area," he said.

MOSCOW CHESS MATCH

Botvinnik equalized the score in the Moscow match when Bernstein missed a certain win in the sixth round.

Son Will Take Up Gandhi's Battle

DUTRA, Wednesday (AP). — Mahatma Gandhi's son, Arundhati, said today that he will continue his father's battle for peace and non-violence.

He will start a 15-day fast to "purify his body, mind and soul," he said, "and to bring about an end to the situation which will then submit without protest to the reality."

Mr. Gandhi said that the Arundhati police had made life intolerable. The colour of my skin and the race to which I belong have become a curse," he said.

Disabled Ask More Aid

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — About 20 per cent of Israel's disabled war veterans are unemployed and have not yet been rehabilitated, spokesmen told the press here today.

Since the average age of the ex-soldiers is about 21, a large number are without skills and rehabilitation has been slow. In addition the attitude of many labour organizations and of the public in general towards wounded soldiers has become less sympathetic, making readjustment still more difficult, the spokesmen said.

As a consequence, and due to the inadequate aid now being given disabled soldiers, their organizations have sent circulars to Knesset members asking for amendments to the disabled soldiers law.

These include: granting of a monthly allowance of 30 ex-soldiers with a disability of 20 per cent or more, rather than a lump sum payment to all those below 50 per cent disability; doubling the present sum of IL12 monthly for cases of 100 per cent disability; and authorizing numerous other benefits not included in the present law.

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U.S. May Transfer 24 Vessels to Allies

WASHINGTON, Wednesday (AP). — The United States may transfer to European allies 24 friendly nations under mutual defense agreements. The House of Representatives' Armed Services Committee yesterday unanimously approved the move.

Admiral Forrest Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations, told the Committee that the vessels were ready to be transferred while it had already been transferred to other allies under mutual defense agreements.

In the first group of nine, France, Denmark and Uruguay would get two each, and Peru three. Under wartime lend-lease agreements, Brazil has eight, Britain one and France six.

Admiral Sherman said the nine vessels marked for transfer originally cost nearly \$100 million. The South American countries, which may get ten per cent of this plus the full cost of rehabilitating them, in U.S. shipyards. The ships are six or seven years old. He said neither France nor Denmark would pay for the ships; they would receive them, but the full cost would be charged against the \$100 million foreign arms-aid programme.

Admiral Sherman disclosed that 24 U.S. frigates returned by Russia at the time of the outbreak of the war in Korea were being used in the theatre.

CZECH PLAN TIES WAGES TO OUTPUT

PRAGUE, Wednesday (Reuters). — The Czechoslovak Cabinet last night announced the establishment of a seven-man state commission, headed by Premier Antonin Zapotocky, to plan and control wages with a view to keeping down industrial production costs. The new policy appeared to tie wages to output in all plants.

The announcement laid down the basic principle of "wages according to merit and output."

It recalled that President Klement Gottwald in February urged the need to increase productivity of labour, particularly in heavy industry, if the 1951 plan was to be fulfilled.

Last night's announcement said from April 1, "compulsory wage sums" would be fixed for all factories. These "wage sums" would limit the amount a factory could expend on wages and salaries in a given period and would make the amount "proportional to the fulfilment of the plan."

Pilot Refuses to Fly Three Back to Israel

LONDON, Wednesday. — Two men and a woman, bearing Israeli credentials, who were refused entry to Britain yesterday, were still in custody at the airport here today after a pilot refused to fly them back to Israel. Yesterday, it had been erroneously reported that the men had returned to Israel.

All three had been given seats on a Philippine Airlines Cloudmaster bound for Lydda. However, after the screaming woman attempted to jump from the plane as it moved to a runway, the pilot refused to fly them out. She was removed with the assistance of police.

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A NEW chapter in the relations between this country and Sweden was opened yesterday when the Swedish pointed SWEDISH pointed SWEDISH FRIENDSHIP d'Affaires paid his first visit to the Foreign Ministry in Hakirya. For some time, these relations were overshadowed by the cruel murder of the United Nations Mediator, Count Folke Bernadotte, but after the exchange of views between the two governments in July 1950, the road was clear for the resumption of cordial relations and full mutual understanding.

Israel's desire for a closer link with Sweden was finally acknowledged when, in the same month, Sweden offered de jure recognition. Further proof of Sweden's active interest in Israel came in December when she submitted to the United Nations what was known as the Swedish Plan for Jerusalem.

Long before these latest developments, Sweden had played her part in the history of the capital. The Swedish colony was always known for the high standard of its cultural and social activities, while Selma Lagerlof's "Jerusalem" will forever remain one of the finest literary documents of those early days.

At the present time, economic relations between the two countries are likely to become one of the chief preoccupations of Sweden's envoy. When he tours the country, he will find in more than one place Swedish machinery and sophisticated houses and he will, no doubt, hear much and well-deserved praise for the high technical skill of his nation, as well as of their achievements in the field of educational and social services.

A few days only before the arrival of Mr. Gosta Henningsen, a Swedish trades union delegation left Israel. At a farewell reception, the Speaker of the Knesset declared that both countries have in common a deep-rooted sense of humanitarian obligations. There are many Jews who have cause to remember Sweden's courage and generosity during the war in helping Jews escape from the Germans. These are no weak foundations for the future relations of the two states.

Congress Urged To Send Grain To India

NEW YORK, Wednesday. (Reuters). The State Department has urged Congress that America should earn the "lasting hatred" of India if it made a gift of grain conditional on India's lifting its export ban on critical materials to the U.S.

In a memorandum giving a summary of the Administration's appeal to Congress to send the grain, the State Department warns:

"Should this occur it would take decades to restore the destruction which the United States' prestige would suffer in India and in all of Asia."

India May Stay Out Of War, Nehru Says

JAMMU, Wednesday. (Reuters). "If world war does break out, India will not get herself tangled in it unless her very existence as a free nation is in peril," the Indian Premier, Mr. Nehru, said here last night.

There was wild talk of war, he said, and one witness, almost hysterical and with anguish the piling up of armaments by many nations.

Referring to the situation in Kashmir, Mr. Nehru said "I wish to make it clear that the Indian army will remain on the hill of Jammu and Kashmir as long as the people of this state require it for their defense."

SOCIAL UPEHAVAL OF CONTACT WITH FOREIGN TROOPS KOREA CHANGED FOR GOOD AND ILL

By Robert P. Martin

TOKYO (ONA). — NO matter how the war finally ends, Korea will never be quite as backward and feudalistic as it was in June 25, 1950, the day the Communists crossed the 38th Parallel.

The social impact of more than 100,000 foreigners, Americans, Britons, French, Turks, Filipinos and others will be felt long after the destruction of war has been erased. But it is still far too early to tell whether the total result will be for good or for bad.

Korea has long been a land where brutality was a calculated policy. Much of this dates back to the years of Japanese control. The Japanese ruled through violence, and the Koreans not only accepted cruelty as a way of life but practiced it on their own people. At times it has been difficult to decide whether the North Koreans or the South Koreans had less regard for human life.

The U.N. soldiers were not saints. In the early days of the war when the Communists disrupted themselves as refugees and when nerves were taut because defeat seemed so close, many of the U.N. troops were needlessly harsh in their dealings with the Koreans. In balance, however, the foreigners taught the Koreans a great deal about human dignity.

Mass Killings

The high point was reached when American and British protests stemmed the tide of mass executions by the South Korean Government late last year. It was decisive proof that police power and terror were not omnipotent. Several Western-educated Koreans have told the writer that their countrymen were deeply impressed by the Anglo-American insistence on justice even during the hysteria of war.

The fact that Western armies could maintain discipline among combat troops without recourse to terror and physical brutality had sharp repercussions among the Korean soldiers. There is less inclination now to accept brutality without protest merely because in the past it was an officer's prerogative. In fact, there has been a muted clamor in the Korean army for the "democracy" the soldiers experienced when they were attached to U.S. divisions.

The break-up of homes and the influx of thousands of young foreigners with food and money has changed moral standards to a great extent. Formerly young girls and boys were more or less segregated, both at home and in the schools. Marriages were generally arranged by the families; in any event, there was no courtship such as is found in the West. There is far greater sexual freedom in Korea now than ever before, and this is certain to have a profound effect on the family, which is the basis of the country's social system.

It is extremely difficult to decide what the long-range effects will be of the American and British practice of "adopting" Korean youngsters as mascots. They do some work, such as washing mess-kits and "policing" tents. In return, they get food, warm clothing, medical attention and comradeship.

Artificial Youth

But this is a completely artificial life. They are living in luxury compared to what they knew before and will experience again once the war is over. It is not unfair to say that the vast majority of them



Chinese troops raise their hands in surrender to U.S. forces on a Korean hill. Express Photo.

are terribly spoiled. It will be extremely difficult for these boys to readjust themselves to the hardships of postwar Korea.

Most of these mascots have lost their parents. They have been out of school for nearly a year. They have been associated daily with violence and the passions of war. Many of the older ones have learned how to use guns and know how to take care of themselves in battle. They will be likely recruits for "strong-arm" groups of either the extreme left or the extreme right once the war is over.

Finally, any country that has gone through a war as raw and primitive as this one is certain to be torn apart by

bloodshed and terror for many years to come once actual hostilities have ended. The war has only sharpened the cleavage between right and left in Korea. The economic dislocations of the war are bound to stimulate revolutionary forces in South Korea. Not even total U.N. victory can prevent this.

In the Philippines, too, many people had guns after V-J Day, and both Hukbalahap insurgents and ordinary bandit gangs terrorized the countryside. The same will be true of Korea. And the stimulus to violence and bloodshed will be even greater in Korea because the hatreds created by any civil war are far deeper than the political and economic hatreds in the Philippines.

Readers' Letters

TECHNICAL JUSTICE

To the Editor of The Post: Sir, — The lenient handling of Leibele Weissfish is quite surprising. Technical legal charges like "leaving the country without a permit" or "shirking army service" sound quite out of place in the light of his activities while in Jordan, a country with whom we have not yet made peace. The charge brought forward should be "high treason." He can thank democracy — the very existence of which in Israel he denies — for not finding himself with his back against the wall before a firing squad, or under state supervision in an insane asylum.

Our democracy, however, has overstepped in letting him make a show of himself while undermining the very foundations of our state.

Yours, etc.,
 EPHRAIM TISCHLER
 Tiberias, April 2.

SAVING WATER

To the Editor of The Post: Sir, — This subject has been brought to the attention of the public on many occasions but it will do good to remind our citizens again of the dire necessity of being vigilant over our short and precious water supply.

One leaking tap or pipe does not amount to much but many such pipes waste a great deal, especially in a year like this one. When one has plenty of water one does not give it much thought, but we should remember that there are many people in this country who still have small and rationed supplies.

Yours, etc.,
 CHAIM G.
 Kfar Glati, March 24.

ISRAEL'S mounted "police"

might have been wearing jizzes to judge by the excitement they caused when they first came on traffic duty in Tel Aviv this week. Gaping crowds helped to cause a traffic jam that the police were there to prevent. One woman who was not impressed or had evidently seen plenty of "mounties" in her time, asked a bystander what all the fuss was about.

"Haven't you ever seen a horse?" she asked. "Naturally," was the reply. "Or a policeman?" she continued innocently. "Of course," was the impatient answer. "Then what is all the fuss about?" The crowd, almost as one man: "But a policeman on a horse?"

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TURKISH CONSULATE-GENERAL

HYGIENE NEGLECTED IN MOST OF THE KITCHENS Dirty Cafes a Public Menace

This is the first of a series of articles on hygiene conditions in restaurants. The second will appear on Friday.

By Ruth Cals

WHAT concerns the average Israeli most when he steps into a restaurant for a meal is, of course, the menu. Few look around to see if the place looks clean. If people cared about cleanliness in restaurants, perhaps the standard of hygiene would be higher.

I have been investigating restaurants and cafe kitchens recently, and I have been so shocked that my first impulse, when I enter an unfamiliar cafe now, is to visit the "invisible" quarters to find out if the minimum hygiene requirements are being observed. I looked over 38 establishments and found that in only six of them were dishes being properly washed and the kitchens kept clean.

This state of affairs, which upsets the tourist, is a hangover from Mandatory times. There is no hygiene inspection worth mentioning, so the restaurants do not feel impelled to make efforts to obtain soap and towels, or spend money for electricity to heat the water for dishwashing.

Few Inspectors

In the late '30s, four inspectors supervised the hygiene of the city's restaurants. The number is still four — two of them have been there since the beginning — but now these four are responsible for 7,000 establishments, including laundries, bakeries, food factories and cinemas. This means that they check places once in many months, nobody fears their visits, and conditions have deteriorated.

NEW STAR

To the Editor of The Post: Sir, — Low in the west an unusually large and brilliant star appeared in the early hours of Sunday evening, April 1. It was surrounded by a pale halo, which disappeared later in the evening, although the star retained its unswerving brilliance. A group of people watching this star of some time agreed that none of them could remember having seen it, or the halo, before.

Can any of your readers inform me whether this phenomenon was observed and whether something new has been added to our skies?

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Grading Standards

When establishments are "graded," little emphasis is laid on hygiene. Only one out of about eight members of the grading committee, responsible to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, is a health inspector. His voice is hardly heard. When fixing the category of a place, attention is paid mainly to the quality of the furniture and crockery and the state of the establishment, but not to the standard of hygiene. In fact, it appears that the whole grading committee is hangover from Mandatory times when it was attached to the Price Controller's office, only exists to control prices. Establishments are raised in category for such reasons as a new coat of paint in the dining room, or the acquisition of new furniture, with little regard for the standard prevailing in the kitchen.

Dirty Kitchens

Few kitchens are large enough, so most of them are un tidy. All with the exception of a new top-grade tourist restaurant — were dark, airless and in need of a coat of paint. Most cooks were wearing dirty clothes, dustbins were uncovered and there were flies everywhere. In few places was the food properly covered.

Those were conditions in the "better" part of the city. In the southern districts they are infinitely worse. I accompanied Mrs. N. Korngold of the Nutrition Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, to the Hatikva Quarter to check on the food being served there. Only in one out of the ten places visited did we dare to touch a spoon.

In those places, invariably owned by immigrants from Middle Eastern countries, the word "hygiene" is unknown. Everything is filthy beyond description. Food, old paper dirty sacks and rubbish lay in confusion on dusty slabs which have never been scrubbed. Humus and other oriental dishes are exhibited uncovered on a table in the "garden," two yards away from the unpaved main street where vehicles whirl up dust.

In one place dirty socks were lying on the inside of a cooking pot lid.

A member of the Executive of the Caterers' Association who accompanied us kept muttering in amazement: "It would be best to pour kerosene over the whole building and put a match to it!"

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WHEN the buses were re-routed in Jerusalem on Tuesday, stops switched about and some fares altered, the city was full of harassed would-be passengers looking for buses and trying to discover why "their" particular one was no longer in its accustomed place. Some stood bewildered at the old stops, unable to understand why no buses came. Some stood, even more bewildered, watching buses race by without stopping. Worst off were the passengers who suddenly

saw themselves carried away along strange routes, and those who, realizing that the bus would no longer take them home. By and large, the re-routing is intended both to improve the service and to reduce congestion on the roads. The average distance between stops has been increased, to lessen the wear of tyres. It also discourages the able-bodied from taking short rides it will reduce the overcrowding that is making travel by bus a torture, and so serve a useful purpose. All the general confusion and irritation could, of course, have been saved had the company announced the changes ahead, instead of advertising them 24 hours after they came into effect. But then who worries about mere passengers?

WE received a phone call from a housewife recently, who said that she had never heard of the "scallions" announced in the week's rations, and did not know whether to go to the fishmonger or the grocer to get them. When we explained that perhaps she knew the vegetable as "shal-lots," she rang off quite pleased on the culinary point of view, but still doubtful of the new name. We turned to the Oxford Dictionary, and discovered that not only was the word official approval, but it derives from "Ascalon," a seaport of Palestine, where the succulent little onion was believed to have originated. Scallions it is.

MR. Richard Kahn, the Cambridge bridge economist at present lecturing in this country, also holds the position of Burar of King's College, in succession to his late teacher, Lord Keynes. It is the burar's business to take charge of all

the College's financial affairs, and Lord Keynes, it is said, annoyed the City financiers by applying his revolutionary theories to his College's investments, and constantly making money. During his period of office he trebled the ancient College's funds—greatly to the delight of the Fellows, whose stipends went up accordingly—and also made a private fortune of almost half a million pounds for himself. His theory was accepted almost overnight.

THE official government announcement on the competition for an Independence Day poem issued last week ran as follows: "Many entries were received for the competition. The Board of Judges were of the opinion that the great variety of poems, both in form and content, were evidence of the mass interest and character of participation in the competition. The judges also considered that the poems expressed our struggle for freedom, the joy of independence and creation in our free state. Nevertheless, NOT A SINGLE ENTRY HAS BEEN AWARDED A PRIZE."

A CORRESPONDENT forwarded to us this week two clippings from the U.S. press as "monuments to the lack of understanding and knowledge of Israel and the Middle East that are all too common abroad." The first clipping showed an eight-picture display in the "Reese River" Revue and Austin Sun (Nevada) of "Egypt's famous Camel Corps, the hard-riding

plunging from Col. McCormick's "Chicago Tribune," after several mistranslations of Hebrew phrases, described how Israel Army men relax in the evenings by dancing their spirited "Hoorah."

ISRAEL'S mounted "police" might have been wearing jizzes to judge by the excitement they caused when they first came on traffic duty in Tel Aviv this week. Gaping crowds helped to cause a traffic jam that the police were there to prevent. One woman who was not impressed or had evidently seen plenty of "mounties" in her time, asked a bystander what all the fuss was about.

"Haven't you ever seen a horse?" she asked. "Naturally," was the reply. "Or a policeman?" she continued innocently. "Of course," was the impatient answer. "Then what is all the fuss about?" The crowd, almost as one man: "But a policeman on a horse?"

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